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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

August 8, 2018

Members of the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners (“Board”) held a meeting at 8:38 a.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at the Board’s office in Board Room C, 1740 West Adams St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007. No executive session was held.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Barbara Campbell, DPM..... Board President and Practitioner Member  
John Rhodes ..... Secretary and Public Member  
Barry Kaplan, DPM. .... Practitioner Member  
Joseph Leonetti, DPM..... Practitioner Member  
Vacancy..... Public Member

**STAFF AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:**

Kristina C. Gomez ..... Executive Director  
Frankie Shinn-Eckberg, Esq..... Assistant Attorney General

**GUEST(S) PRESENT AND/OR PARTICIPATING**

Dedrie Polakof, DPM..... Board’s Investigator  
Jerome A. Cohn, DPM..... Board’s Investigator  
Myron Hansen, DPM..... Respondent  
Bruce D. Crawford, Esq..... Respondent’s Attorney  
Brenna J. Gingrich, Esq. .... Respondent’s Attorney  
☎ Kevin O’Brien..... Respondent  
Complainant..... Investigative Case 18-19-C  
☎ Complainant..... Investigative Case 18-16-C

**OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Dr. Barbara Campbell. The following order of business was then considered:

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. § 38-503**

Dr. Joseph Leonetti reaffirmed his conflict of interest with file no. 18-19-C; Hansen Myron.

**ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Investigation File(s)

18-19-C; Hansen, Myron, DPM

Dr. Hansen was present, along with his legal counsel Mr. Bruce Crawford. Dr. Dedrie Polakof was present to provide a summary of her investigative report. The complainant summarized the care and customer service he received from Dr. Hansen and his current situation. Dr. Hansen and Mr. Crawford made brief remarks and answered the Board’s questions regarding the matter. The Board suggested that Dr. Hansen follow up with Blue Cross Blue Shield regarding the patient visit.

After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Barry Kaplan, seconded by Mr. John Rhodes, and passed 3 – 0 – 1 to dismiss the case due to no violation of Board statutes or rules.

*Dr. Leonetti declared a conflict and did not participate.*

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X		X	X	
Nay					
Recused		X			
Abstained					
Absent					

18-23-C; Hansen, Myron, DPM

Dr. Hansen was present, along with his legal counsel Mr. Bruce Crawford. Dr. Dedrie Polakof was present to provide a summary of her investigative report. The complainant was not present. Dr. Hansen and Mr. Crawford made remarks regarding the care of the patient and answered the Board’s questions regarding the matter.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. John Rhodes, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed 4 – 0 to dismiss the case due to no violations of Board Statutes and Rules.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

17-17-C; Levin, Bruce, DPM

Dr. Bruce Levin was not present, however, his legal counsel Mr. Bruce Crawford was present. Dr. Jerome Cohn was present and summarized his audit report for March, April and May of 10 patient charts for each month of modifier 25 and cortisone injections. Dr. Cohn summarized his review for three months and discussed the logistical issues during the audit. Dr. Cohn concluded that Dr. Levin is utilizing the code correctly and that he has changed his method of practice regarding cortisone injections.

A motion made by Dr. Joseph Leonetti, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed 3 – 0 – 1 to issue an Administrative Letter of Concern regarding the previous use of modifier 25 and the number of cortisone injections used.

*Dr. Barbara Campbell declared a conflict and did not participate.*

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay		X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused	X				
Abstained					
Absent					

*The Board took a break from 10:15 a.m. to 10:31 a.m.*

18-16-C; O’Brien, Kevin, DPM

Dr. Kevin O’Brien participated by phone and his legal counsel Ms. Brenna Gingrich was present. The complainant participate by phone. Dr. Jerome Cohn was present and summarized his investigator’s report. The complainant made a statement and answered questions. Dr. O’Brien and Ms. Gingrich made remarks and answered the Board’s questions.

After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Barbara Campbell, seconded by Mr. John Rhodes and passed 4 – 0 to dismiss the case due to no violations of Board Statutes and Rules.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

18-22-C; Bodmer, James, DPM

Dr. James Bodmer was not present, and the complainant was not present. Dr. Dedrie Polakof was present and summarized her investigator’s report.

After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Joseph Leonetti, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed 4 – 0 to dismiss the case due to no violations of Board Statutes and Rules.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					

Absent					
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**REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Discussion and approval of the Open Session Minutes from the July 11, 2018 board meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Barry Kaplan, seconded by Mr. John Rhodes and passed 4 – 0 to approve the Open Session Minutes from the July 11, 2018, board meeting as written.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Discussion and approval of the Executive Session Minutes from the July 11, 2018 board meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Barry Kaplan, seconded by Mr. John Rhodes and passed 4 – 0 to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the July 11, 2018, board meeting as written.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Discussion and approval of the Executive Session Minutes (1<sup>st</sup>) from the June 13, 2018 board meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Barry Kaplan, seconded by Mr. John Rhodes and passed 3 – 0 – 1 to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the June 13, 2018, board meeting as written.

*Dr. Joseph Leonetti declared a conflict and did not participate.*

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X		X	X	
Nay					
Recused		X			
Abstained					
Absent					

Discussion and approval of the Executive Session Minutes (2<sup>nd</sup>) from the June 13, 2018 board meeting

A motion was made by Mr. John Rhodes, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed 3 – 0 – 1 to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the June 13, 2018, board meeting as written.

*Dr. Barbara Campbell declared a conflict and did not participate.*

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay		X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused	X				
Abstained					
Absent					

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Issuance of Licenses – A.R.S. § 32-826

After a review of the applications, a motion was made by Dr. Joseph Leonetti, seconded by Mr. John Rhodes and passed 4 – 0 to issue licenses to the following applicants to practice podiatry, to be issued on the condition that the required license issuance fee shall be paid within 12 months from the date of Board approval:

1. Carrington, Scott, DPM
2. Tookes, Toddrick, DPM

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Application(s) for Registration to Dispense Drugs/Devices – A.A.C. R4-25-602

After review of the applications, a motion was made by Dr. Barry Kaplan, seconded by Mr. John Rhodes and passed 4 – 0 to grant the applicants a registration to dispense drugs/devices contingent upon receipt of a copy of the applicants’ DEA certificate.

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| 1. Baer, Brian, DPM          | 4. Goss, Mark, DPM     |
| 2. Garber, James, DPM        | 5. Levitt, Andrew, DPM |
| 3. Gillihan, Patrick,<br>DPM | 6. Sabic, Aldijan, DPM |

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Allegation of Unlicensed Practice

Assistant Attorney General Ms. Frankie Shinn-Eckberg summarized an email from a concerned doctor regarding the Good Feet Store in Tucson practicing without a license. A patient gave the doctor a receipt from the Good Feet that had a medical term handwritten on it and the doctor was wondering if this was a medical diagnosis. Ms. Shinn-Eckberg contacted the Good Feet Store in

Tucson for more information. The manager of the store spoke to Ms. Shinn-Eckberg and indicated that when employees write medical terms on the receipt, it is not a diagnosis. Employees are trained specifically not to diagnose medical conditions and only to only write down what the patient tells them to in order to aid customers who wish to submit the receipt to their insurance providers.

After discussing the matter, the Board requested that the Assistant Attorney General send a response back to the concerned doctor.

Renewal Applications for Arizona Podiatric License and Dispensing Registration

76. Leonetti, Joseph, DPM

A motion was made by Dr. Barbara Campbell, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed 3 – 0 – 1 to approve of Dr. Joseph Leonetti’s renewal application.

*Dr. Joseph Leonetti declared a conflict and did not participate.*

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X		X	X	
Nay					
Recused		X			
Abstained					
Absent					

A motion was made by Dr. Barbara Campbell, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed 4 – 0 to approve of the following doctors’ renewal applications and dispensing registrations, if applicable:

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| 1. Accomando, William, DPM | 24. Butcher, Jamila, DPM     |
| 2. Adams, Nicole, DPM      | 25. Cheney, Allison, DPM     |
| 3. Allen, Brian, DPM       | 26. Choe, Ki, DPM            |
| 4. Arbuckle, Keith, DPM    | 27. Cohen, Douglas, DPM      |
| 5. Au, Edward, DPM         | 28. Cohn, Jerome, DPM*       |
| 6. Aung, Barbara, DPM      | 29. Copoloff, Jeffrey, DPM   |
| 7. Bates, David, DPM       | 30. Corcoran, David, DPM     |
| 8. Beabes, Justin, DPM     | 31. Cornfield, Michael, DPM  |
| 9. Benjamin-Swonger, DPM   | 32. Costantino, Michael, DPM |
| 10. Berkey, Rodney, DPM    | 33. Dahukey, Amram, DPM      |
| 11. Berman, David, DPM     | 34. Daulat, Rajesh, DPM      |
| 12. Black, Trevor, DPM     | 35. Domanico, Joseph, DPM    |
| 13. Bland, Devin, DPM      | 36. Donela, Richard, DPM     |
| 14. Blocher, Kenneth, DPM  | 37. Duggan, Jessica, DPM     |
| 15. Bock Jr., Raymond, DPM | 38. Ellis, Mark, DPM         |
| 16. Boggs, Scott, DPM      | 39. Erotas, John, DPM        |
| 17. Bodmer, Edward, DPM    | 40. Erredge, Susan, DPM      |
| 18. Bowen, Joel, DPM       | 41. Esber, Michael, DPM      |
| 19. Brekke, Mark, DPM      | 42. Eulano, Albert, DPM      |
| 20. Broadrick, Kevin, DPM  | 43. Evans, Robert, DPM       |
| 21. Broadhead, Brian, DPM  | 44. Farahani, Kamran, DPM    |
| 22. Burns, Ana, DPM        | 45. Farrell, Patrick, DPM    |
| 23. Burns, Steven, DPM     | 46. Flynn, Zachary, DPM      |

47. Galli, Melissa, DPM\*
48. Garber, James, DPM
49. Gifford, Michael, DPM
50. Glesinger, April, DPM
51. Hale, Thomas, DPM
52. Hall, Hugh Ryan, DPM
53. Hamilton, Jarrett, DPM
54. Hansen, Myron, DPM
55. Harant, William, DPM
56. Harlan, John, DPM
57. Hegewald, Kenneth, DPM
58. Hsu, Daniel, DPM
59. Hutcheson, Brian, DPM
60. Jacoby, Richard, DPM
61. Janowicz, Rachel, DPM
62. Jenkins, David, DPM
63. Jensen, Travis, DPM
64. Jespersen, Wade, DPM
65. Jones, Jacob, DPM
66. Kaner, Sanford, DPM
67. Kayce, Jason, DPM
68. Keenen, Lee, DPM
69. Kimble, Brandi, DPM
70. Kirk, Patricia, DPM
71. Kuchar, Ladislav, DPM
72. Larkin, Kirk\*
73. Laurino, David, DPM
74. Lawson, Bjorn, DPM
75. Ledesma, Paul, DPM
76. Leonetti, Joseph, DPM\* (*Dr. Joseph Leonetti conflicted*)
77. Lew, Eric, DPM
78. Lewis, Kreig, DPM
79. Limanowski, John, DPM
80. Longton, James, DPM
81. Loo, Gregory, DPM
82. Mann, Cindy, DPM
83. Mann, Steven, DPM
84. Mansdorf, Neil, DPM
85. Marquez, Allison, DPM
86. Marshall, Verlan, DPM
87. Matrin, Richard, DPM
88. Megorden, Laura, DPM
89. Miller, Floyd, DPM
90. Miltchin, Hartley, DPM
91. Momjian, Pierre, DPM
92. Montes, Kara, DPM
93. Mott, Richard, DPM
94. Murad, Craig, DPM
95. Myers, Robin, DPM
96. Nagy, Ronald, DPM
97. Nazarian, Serjik, DPM
98. Nelson, Jacob, DPM
99. Newswander, Bradley, DPM
100. O'Brien, Kevin, DPM
101. O'Connor, Rachel, DPM
102. Olsen, Ron, DPM
103. Otero-Quintero, Sara, DPM
104. Page, Jeffrey, DPM
105. Palacios, Isaac, DPM
106. Pallini, Lisa, DPM
107. Pappalardo, Jennifer, DPM
108. Patel, Naren, DPM
109. Pawlowski, Jeffrey, DPM
110. Pipher, Mark, DPM
111. Plaskey, Nathan, DPM
112. Powers, John, DPM
113. Prebish, Jessica, DPM
114. Quint, Richard, DPM
115. Rader, Andrew, DPM
116. Ratner, Joyce, DPM
117. Reber, Kelly, DPM
118. Rosales, Mark, DPM
119. Rosenblum, Michael, DPM
120. Sekosky, Michael, DPM
121. Shapiro, Paul, DPM
122. Sherman, Allen, DPM
123. Shoffer, James, DPM
124. Short, Timothy, DPM
125. Siegel, Donald, DPM
126. Simmons, Shaun, DPM
127. Simonson, Evan, DPM
128. Straley, Andrew, DPM
129. Stegman, Michael, DPM
130. Suen, McQueen, DPM
131. Tager, Steven, DPM
132. Tallis, Arthur, DPM
133. Tassone, John, DPM
134. Taylor, Robert, DPM
135. Thaler, George, DPM
136. Thoms, Tanya, DPM
137. Tierney, Edward, DPM
138. Trattner, Eric, DPM
139. Udall, Craig, DPM
140. Violand, Melanie, DPM
141. Weiss, Jeffrey, DPM
142. Westphal, Chad, DPM
143. Wiebe, Edward, DPM
144. Wissman, Lance, DPM
145. Withrow, Margaret, DPM
146. Wolf, Arnold, DPM

147. Wolfensperger, Kimberly,  
 DPM  
 148. Wong, Fai, DPM

149. Wood, Ryan, DPM  
 150. Yamada, Wesley, DPM  
 151. Zang, Todd, DPM

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

28. Cohn, Jerome, DPM

The Board reviewed the renewal application, the doctors' answer to the continuing medical education question regarding a waiver and the supporting documentation.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Barbara Campbell, seconded by Dr. Joseph Leonetti and passed 4 – 0 to grant and approve of Dr. Jerome Cohn's renewal application.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

47. Galli, Melissa, DPM

The Board reviewed Dr. Melissa Galli's renewal application, her answers to the professional conduct questions and her supporting documentation.

A motion was made by Dr. Joseph Leonetti, seconded by Mr. John Rhodes and passed 4 – 0 to approve of Dr. Melissa Galli's renewal application and open an investigation based on the reported malpractice case.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

72. Larkin, Kirk, DPM

The Board reviewed the renewal application, the doctors' answer to the professional conduct questions and his supporting documentation regarding malpractice.

After reviewing the supporting documentation, a motion was made by Dr. Barry Kaplan, seconded by Dr. Joseph Leonetti and passed 4 – 0 to approve of Dr. Kirk Larkin’s renewal application.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the budget, agency operations, and complaint log with Executive Director Gomez. The new online system (eLicensing) is live but the state continues to work through technical issues. The most common problems are the following: buffering / spinning, frozen screen, no complete licensee list, no payment option for dispensing, continuing medical education and too many people using the system at the same time. The 2018 renewal cycle, currently the Board, through its staff, has processed: 404 out of 439 renewal applications, 10 podiatrists have decided not to renew their license, and 13 have not responded. A brief summary of the complaint log was presented.

**FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF REGULATORY BOARDS (“FARB”)**

After Frankie Shinn-Eckberg described her attendance and expenses at previous FARB Regulatory Law Seminars, a motion was made by John Rhodes, seconded by Dr. Barry Kaplan and passed 4 – 0 to approve Ms. Shinn-Eckberg’s attendance and up to 25% of her expenses at the 2018 FARB Regulatory Law Seminar held from Thursday, September 27, 2018 – Sunday, September 30, 2018.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Frankie Shinn-Eckberg provided a summary regarding state legislation that passed in the last legislative session.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one was present from the public.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS**

None were discussed.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Kaplan, and passed unanimously to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Leonetti	Dr. Kaplan	Mr. Rhodes	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					